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Governor Hassan's Statement on Sustained Veto of SB 381

CONCORD – Following the New Hampshire State Senate sustaining her veto of Senate Bill 381, Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement:

“Senate Bill 381 would have posed a threat to our air, water and environment by removing the existing ban on the combustion of the wood component of construction and demolition debris at regulated facilities without stringent protections. Because this bill did not set out or outline a procedure to set fuel standards for their material or for testing requirements, it was opposed by many environmental advocacy groups and citizens concerned with the combustion of construction and demolition debris and the negative impact it could have on our clean air, water and environment.

“To address the environmental concerns with this bill, we worked to develop appropriate language in House Bill 1428 – including stronger controls – to allow for combustion while protecting against harmful emissions with standards and testing requirements, which I signed into law earlier this year.

“Ensuring that all of our residents and visitors have access to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment is critical to public health and strong economy, and we must continue doing everything that we can to protect our air, our water and our environment from harmful pollution.”

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